

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Toshiaki OOE et al.

Title: NITROGEN OXIDE REDUCING  
SYSTEM FOR DIESEL ENGINE  
AND NITROGEN GAS  
GENERATING DEVICE

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Box PATENT APPLICATION  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 5, line 2, delete "or 4".

Claim 6, line 2, delete "or 4".

Claim 7, line 2, delete "or 4".

Claim 9, line 2, delete "any one of 1 to 4" and insert --1--.

Claim 10, line 2, delete "or 4".

Claim 13, line 2, delete "or 12".

Claim 14, line 2, delete "or 12".

Claim 15, line 2, delete "or 12".

**REMARKS**


Applicants respectfully request that the foregoing amendments to Claims 5-7,9-10 and 13-15 be entered in order to avoid this application incurring a surcharge for the presence of one or more multiply dependent claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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